

Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the Title of the Abstract to read as follows:

**SUPPLY ~~CHAIN~~INCHAIN/WORKFLOW SERVICES IN A ~~CONTROL~~-CONTRACT
MANUFACTURING FRAMEWORK**

Please replace the Abstract on page 49 as follows so that the Abstract reflects the allowed claims:

Abstract:

~~A system, method and article of manufacture are provided~~The present disclosure provides for affording supply chain/workflow services in a contract manufacturing framework. First, a database including a plurality of service provider data structures is provided, wherein each service provider data structure includes a description of a particular service provider, and wherein the database further includes a request for proposal mechanism. Next, a particular service provider data structure is identified based on a request for proposal from a user utilizing the request for proposal mechanism. Finally, project management services are afforded to the user based on the request for proposal and the identified service provider data structure.